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SUBJ: YUGOSLAV COMMERCIAL AND MILITARY INTERESTS IN MIDDLE
EAST

1. EGYPTIAN COUNSELOR TOLD EMBASSY COUNSELOR AT LUNCHEON MEETING
JAN 27 THAT SMOLE DELEGATION'S YEAR-END VISIT KUWAIT AND OTHER
MIDDLE EAST POINTS CONCERNED JOINT VENTURES YUGOSLAV CONSTRUCTION
AND ENGINEERING FIRMS TRYING TO FOSTER IN THIS REGION. YUGOSLAV
AIM IS TO INDUCE KUWAITIS TO PUT UP THE MONEY FOR PROJECTS THAT
WOULD BE DONE BY YUGOSLAVS IN THIRD COUNTRIES. HE SPECIFICALLY
MENTIONED IRAQ AND QATAR BUT CLEARLY IMPLIED IDEA WAS NOT
RESTRICTED TO THESE TWO.

2. HE ALSO MENTIONED YUGOSLAVS WERE ACTIVE IN PROMOTING PRODUCTION
SHARING ARRANGEMENTS TO SUPPLY WEAPONRY THAT IS MANUFACTURED IN
YUGOSLAVIA TO MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES.

3. COMMENT: THE MILITARY SALES QUESTION IS CLEARLY HIGH ON
THE YUGOSLAV NON-ALIGNED AND COMMERCIAL AGENDA. IT BLENDS
PRINCIPLES OF NON-ALIGNED SOLIDARITY WITH SELF-CENTERED,
KEENLY COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS.

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